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TO: Chairman Pringle and Authority Board Members

FROM: Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director

DATE: October 30, 2009

RE: November Board Meeting Agenda Item #6 - Memorandum of Understanding with Gateway Cities Council of Governments

On October 2, 2009, Chairman Pringle, Board Member Katz, and I participated in a meeting with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, representatives of many of the Gateway cities, and attended by LA Metro, OCTA, and Rep. Grace Napolitano. At that meeting, there was discussion of a memorandum of Understanding between the Authority and the Gateway Cities COG. It was decided then that we would pursue an MOU expeditiously and put it before the Board at the Nov. 5 meeting.

The MOU is designed to establish a positive and clear working relationship between the Authority and the COG.

The Authority is working diligently on that MOU, and a draft of it, agreed upon between the Authority staff and the COG, while not finalized at the time of the writing of this memo, will be presented to you prior to the Board prior to the Nov. 5 meeting.